#### CZAR ORDERS SOME REFORMS.

MORE POWER OF SELF-GOVERN. MENT FOR MUNICIPALITIES.

Exceptional Laws of Administration to Be Revised-Special Commissioners Now Studying the Question of Improvement in Conditions of the Peasants.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Czar's expected manifesto was issued this evening in the form of an imperial decree addressed to the Senate under the title of "A Scheme for the Improvement of the Administration of the State." It opens as follows:

"In accordance with the revered will of our crowned predecessor and thinking increasingly of the welfare of the realm intrusted to us by God, we regard as the duty of the Government, in conjunction with the undeviating maintenance of the immutability of the fundamental laws of the empire, untiring care for the needs of the country, distinguishing all that is really in the interests of the Russian people from tendencies not seldom mistaken and influenced by transitory circumstances.

"When the need of this or that change has been shown to be mature we consider it necessary to meet it, even though the transformation to which this leads involves the introduction of essential innovations in legislation. We do not doubt that the realization of such an undertaking will meet with the sympathy of the well disposed section of our subjects, who see the true prosperity of the fatherland in the support of civil tranquillity and the uninterrupted satisfaction of the daily needs

of the people. His Majesty places "in the forefront of his care" consideration for the best order-ing of the life of the most numerous part of the population, namely, the peasants, adding that the matter is already under examination. Simultaneously with an investigation of the proposals of the Ministry of the Interior specially selected commissioners are now conferring on the question of peasant life, assisted by local committees experienced in agricultural matters. Continuing, the Czar says:

"We command these to labor to bring the laws regarding the peasants into unity with general imperial legislation, thereby facilitating the task of assuring the permanent security of this State, which by decrees of the Czar, the Liberator, is recognized as consisting of free citizens, possess ing full rights.

Surveying the wide domains of the uttermost needs of our people, we regard as urgent in the interest of the legal strengthening of civic and public life the adoption of effective measures for safeguarding the law in its full force as the most important pillar of the throne of this autocratic empire, in order that its inviolable fulfilment for all alike shall be regarded as their first duty by all authorities in all places subject to us, that its non-fulfilment shall inevitably bring with it legal responsibility for every arbitrary act, and that persons who have suffered wrong by such acts shall be enabled to secure legal re-

"Second, that local and municipal institutions should be given as wide scope as possible in the administration of various matters affecting local welfare, and they should have conferred upon them the necessary independence within legal limits, and that representatives of all sections of the population interested in local matters should be called on equable conditions to take part in these institutions with the view to the most complete satisfaction possible of their needs. Besides the government and zemstvo district institutions hitherto existing there should also be established in close connection with them public institutions for the administration of local affairs in localities of smaller extent.

"Third, that in order to secure equality ns and cla should be taken to bring about the necessary unification of judicial procedure throughout the empire and to assure the independence of the courts.

"Fourth, that for the further develop ment of measures introduced by us for the protection of workmen in factories. workshops and commercial establishments attention is to be given to the question of the introduction of State insurance for

"Fifth, that there should be a revision of the exceptional laws that were decreed at a time of an unparalleled outbreak of criminal activity on the part of the enemies of public order, the application of which was attended with a grave extension of the discretionary power of the administra-

tive authorities. The decree of the Czar confirms the disappointment of the reform leaders. It is the general opinion that the measures announced will necessitate the active premiership of M. Witte, the president of the

LONDON, Dec. 27 .- The St. Petersburg ondent of the Standard save that a emarkable feature of the situation is the high favor which M. Witte again enjoys with the Czar, who gives audiences to him

STABBED DEFENDING WOMAN.

Lone Man Who Insulted One of Party of Young People New Locked Up.

Fred Fredericks of 1130 Willoughby aveiue, Brooklyn, is in the German Hospital suffering from two deep stab wounds in the abdomen, which he received early yesterday morning while protecting a young woman from the insults of another man. He will recover. The young woman is Miss Lizzie Shaw, who lives with her parents at 11 Maujer street. Brooklyn.

Fredericks's assailant, John Burkhardt, 19 years old, of 272 Grove street. Evergreen, L. I., is locked up in the Newtown station on a charge of felonious assault. He was arrested iast night at his home and admitted doing the stabbing.

Fredericks and a party of young men and women were on their way home from a friend's house in Evergreen. Passing the abdomen, which he received early

and women were on their way home from a friend's house in Evergreen. Passing through Norman avenue, near Cypress street, Ridgewood, they met Burkhardt, who, it is alleged, insulted Miss Shaw. Fredericks interfered and there was a fight. Burkhardt, who was getting the worst of it, pulled out a knife and stabbed his antagonist.

ROPE ENDS CHRISTMAS SPREE.

Harness Maker Told His Wife He Would Brace Up-Went Out and Hanged Himself. Conrad Fredericks, 46 years old, a harness maker, living at 321 East Forty-eighth street, celebrated Christmas after ideas of his own. His wife took him to task for his reckless-

ness yesterday afternoon.

Fredericks told his wife and three little hildren that he was going to "brace up," shildren that he was going to "brace up," and walked out of the house. Some time later another tenant in the house found his body dangling over a flight of stairs that led to the roof. He had placed one end of a short rope about his neck, tied the other to the knob of the door leading out on the roof and then hurled himself over the railing.

The ambulance surgeon pronounced him dead.

A GUARANTEED OURE FOR PILES.
Riching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles
Tour druggles will refund money if FAZO OliviMENT-full to cure you in 6 to 14 days. Bo.—Ade

TOO PORTLY TO BE RESCUED. Firemen Chop a Window Casing Away to

St. Louis, Dec. 28.-Two persons were rescued by being carried from a burning building at 3940 and 3942 Linden Boulevard early this morning and several others were assisted out of danger by policemen and firemen. The fire was in the rooming house managed by Mrs. Eva Connoughton at that address. Mrs. Connoughton and A. R. Morgan were completely overcome by the smoke and Miss Tillie Heaton was partly overcome. Others were affected by the s moke and dazed by their sudden

Mrs. Connoughton and daughter were rescued through a window. The former, who is a corpulent woman, became wedged in the window and firemen chopped away the casing before she could be released.

CHIMES FOR THE EAST SIDE. Mgr. Lavelle Dedicates the Bells for the New St. John's Church.

Mgr. Lavelle, representing Archbishop Farley, dedicated yesterday the new chimes of ten bells given recently to St. John's Roman Catholic Church, at Seventy-second street and Second avenue. The bells are the gift of Maschek von Massburg, a member of a noble Bohemian family, and cost \$6,500. Mgr. Lavelle, after the dedicatory prayers, made a few remarks in recognition of the gift, adding also a word of hearty praise for the wonderfully rapid transformation of the little church.

The Rev. John T. Prout and his congregation obtained possession of the place only two months ago, when the building was purchased from the Knox Presbyterian Church. Since then windows have been put in and a new altar and new pews have been installed. Mucha, the Parisian artist, who, like Tissot, has turned from worldly to religious subjects, has contributed to the church a painting called St. John Nepomucene. The artist, who is a friend of Father Prout, will do other decorative work for him when he comes to America in January.

Father Prout expects to make the first

Father Prout expects to make the first English translation of the text that accompanies Mucha's much discussed series called "Our Father."

The sponsors for the bells were Otto Freiherr von Scholey, Field Marshal in the Austrian Army; John D. Crimmins, George Ehret, Mrs. Joseph O'Donohue. Bertha Mager, Mamie R. Huber, Mrs. G.W. Glover, Mrs. Catherine Jerbik, Mrs. Robert McGinness, Mrs. Petronella Prout and James Daly. Mr. Crimmins was present and gave a check for \$100 as a godfather's gift. Field Marshal yon Scholey will contribute \$1,000. a check for \$100 as a godfather s gut.

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The bells will be set up over the church at once, and on New Year's eve a pro-

A MATINEE "PARSIFAL."

gramme of favorite airs will be rung. The chimes will also be played next Sunday

Last Appearance of Mme. Nordica in Her Fine "Kundry."

The career of "Parsifal" through the electric lighted avenue of fame at the Metropolitan Opera House is nearing its end. The first of two matinée performances was given yesterday, beginning at 11:30 in the morning: There will be but one more representation of the work this season, that at the final matines next Monday. The cast which appeared yesterday was the one which has been heard in most of the representations this season.

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It seems especially fitting at this time to note the last appearance of Mme. Nordica as Kundry. Next Monday Miss Fremstad will sing the role. Mme. Nordica has added to her laurels by her impersonation of this almost incomprehensible character. Her voice is excellently suited to the music and her long study of the methods of the Wagnerian drama has enabled her to deliver the declamation with telling effect.

Her reading of the narrative of the death of Herzoleide has not been surpassed by any piece of Wagnerian recitation yet heard on the Metropolitan Opera House stage. It is deeply impressive.

Her entire second act shows the results of training in the great school of experience, backed by a fine intelligence, a respect for her art and a reverence for the com-

backed by a fine intelligence, a respect for her art and a reverence for the composer. Her Kundry as a whole has been as nearly convincing as it is possible to make this inchoate character, and it will always be remembered as one of the most notable achievements of a season which has certainly not been barren of worthy accom-plishment.

New Year's Reception at the White House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The official programme for the annual New Year's reception to be held at the White House was given out to-day. According to the old custom, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, assisted by the ladies of the Cabinet, will receive from 11 o'clock in the morning until 1:30 in the afternoon on New Year's day. The members of the Cabinet and Diplomatic Corps will be received first and properties of the Cabinet and Diplomatic first and members of the Supreme Court and supremental su Diplomatic Corps will be received first and members of the Supreme Court and mem-bers of Congress and other officers of the Government in regular order of precedence. The general public will be received at 1

Rich Man's Son Weds a Nurse. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 .- A romance, having its beginning in St. Luke's Hospital in Philadelphia, reached its climax here yesterday when Claude M. Weaver, son of a millionaire manufacturer of Columbus, Ohio, led Miss Emma Parker to the altar. Weaver first met his bride while ill with typhoid fever. She nursed him through-out his long illness.

OBITUARY.

Benjamin Walker, an old resident of Washington, died at his home in that city Saturday night, at the age of all years. He was born in Monmouthshire, England, came to the United States in 1857, and for many years lived in California.

Higgins-Young.

Miss May Young, daughter of Cornelius Hudson county, N. J., who lives at 308 Montgomery street, Jersey City, was married at 509 Montgomery street, Jersey City, was married at Verset's Catholic Church, Grand and Van Vorst streets, last night to William -A. Higgins of that city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Bernard J. Keaney, S. J.

Servant Turned the Tables.

From the Scotem an. officer who was in the habit of soundly thrashing his servants when they displeased him One day he ordered a servant to go to a sum-One day he ordered a servant to go to a summer house in the compound and wait for him there. Presently, turning up with a heavy horaewhip, he thus addressed the offender:

"Now, you scoundre!, I've got you in a place where no one can hear, and I'll thrash you within an inch of your life."

The servant, though a man of powerful physique, squirmed, native like: "Sah, you sure no one can hear?"

"Yes, you scoundre!, I've brought you here on purpose." here on purpose. "Then, sah, I think I thrash you." And he did it so thoroughly that his master was not visible for a week.

Absent-Minded Mether.

From the Kennebec Journal A laughable case of absent mindedness
was exemplified at the Eastport station when
a lady, who had laid her five-months-old
baby down on one of the seats in the waiting baby down on one of the seats in the waiting room, while she purchased tickets for herself and other three children enroute for their home at Tunk Pond.
She boarded the train with the elder trio of her offspring, utterly forsetting the existence of the helpless infant left behind until one of the employees of the road rushed into the car just before the train started with the wailing hit of humanity in his arms, asking excitedly for its owner. To say that the thoughtless mother was embarrassed, as the laugh went round and all eyes were turned upon her in pity and surprise, is putting it mildly.

## MASHER CAUGHT IN A TRAP.

TRAILED A MARRIED PAIR UNTIL THEY WERE SURE OF HIM.

Then the Husband Made a Feigned Retreat and Mr. Martin Promptly Accested the Wife-Landed in the Snow With Pace Bumped-Collared by Cop.

Lawrence Miller of 50 Morningside avenue and his wife Julia boarded a southbound Sixth avenue elevated train at 116th street yesterday, and a few stations further south a little masher got aboard. Just where he got on Miller doesn't know. When Miller first noticed him he was eyeing Mrs. Miller rather sharply. Mrs. Miller had not noticed him, and Miller concluded that there was no use getting excited over a stare that might be unintentional.

The little man sat on the opposite side of the car some seats away from Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Miller paid no more attention to him until the train reached Fortysecond street. Then Mrs. Miller complained to her husband that the man seeme

to be ogling her. Miller offered to whip the fellow right then and there, but his wife would not countenance his getting into a row. At Thirty-third street the Millers left train. Trailing along behind was the little emirking man. It was all Miller could do to keep his hands off, but his wife insisted that he be quiet.

"Maybe we have made a mistake," said Mrs. Miller. "If we have, it might result seriously, and we might do the man a great

"Harm nothing." said Miller. "If that

ain't a masher I never saw one before."
"Well, let us walk a bit," said Mrs. Miller, and see if he persists in following us." They started up Broadway at a brisk pace and did not look behind them. At Thirty-seventh street they turned toward Seventh avenue. Near Seventh avenue there is a small candy store, and when they neared it Miller told his wife to go in and buy some candy while he went around the corner to find a cigar store. Mrs. Miller went into the candy store and her husband disappeared around the corner.

In following her husband's advice Mrs. Miller didn't know he was planning to trap the masher. Miller wanted to convince her that he was right before he did anything. Once out of sight around the corner he crossed the avenue and took up a stand where he could watch the front of the candy store.

As Miller suspected, the masher was hurrying down the street, having seen the husband and wife part. Miler chuckled with glee and grieved that he was not a jlu-jitsu expert. When Mrs. Miller came out of the candy store and the masher stepped up to her and doffed his hat as if he was an old friend, Miller could restrain himself no longer.

He made a dash across the avenue and came at the masher like an angry bull. The masher was so full of himself that he didn't see his danger, but Mrs. Miller saw the approaching cyclone and she screamed. Her scream was the first warning the masher

Miller landed on him good and strong, sent him sprawling in the snow and was making a doormat of him when a policeman came up. The cop was Steinmeier of the Tenderloin station, and when he heard what was the matter he said to Miller: "Why didn't you tell me when I first came up and I would have run away or let

the snow blind me so that I couldn't see?" Steinmeier laid hold of the masher as if ne was a bank burglar, took a firm grip on his coat collar and half lifted him all the way to the Tenderloin station in West Thirtieth street. Mr. and Mrs. Miller went along. Once in the police station the masher pleaded to be allowed to depart in peace. He had several bumps on his face, where he had collided with Miller's fists, looking sight. Mrs. spoken to her. Then she said she thought he had been punished enough. The masher heaved a sigh of relief as he was turned loose. Before he was allowed to depart he alleged that he was Milton Harris, an

artist, of 153 West 113th street. "You're a lucky dog," said Cop Steinmeier as he escorted him to the door. "If I hadn't come up when I did you'd been a subject for the Morgue."

MAY NOT EXTRADITE CHADWICK. Fatal Defect in the Requisition Papers

From the Governor of Ohio. ALBANY, Dec. 26.-Unless Dr. Chadwick

lects to go to Cleveland without the honoring of the requisition papers of the Governor of Ohio by the Governor of this State he may be able to remain out of the jurisdiction of the authorities of the State of Ohio, as the Cleveland authorities may not be able to prove his presence in that State at the time when it is charged in the indictment that he uttered a \$2,000,000

forged Carnegie note on March 5, 1903. To-day Sheriff Barry of Cuyahoga county, in which Cleveland is located, called at the executive chamber, despite the fact that the State Departments were closed. He found Pardon Clerk Joyce at his desk. Mr. Joyce previously had been advised by telegraph by Governor-Chairman Odell, who is at Newburgh, to issue a warrant for Chadwick's surrender to the Ohio authorities if the requisition papers were complete and sufficient. They proved not to be, however, and Sheriff Barry was in a

quandary. It developed that the papers did not contain affidavits to the effect that Dr. Chadwick was in Ohio at the time it is charged he uttered the note in question, but were based mainly upon an affidavit of the Die trict Attorney of Cuyahoga county that Dr. Chadwick was in New York State and was a fugitive from justice. In view of the fact that Dr. Chadwick is on the ocean the fact that Dr. Chadwick is on the ocean and is not expected to arrive at the port of New York until Wendesday it is wondered how the Ohie District Attorney could take an oath that the facts stated in such an affidavit were true.

When Mr. Joyce explained the position the executive department of this State always takes on requisition applications Sheriff Barry said the affidavit of the District Attorney of his county was necessary.

sherin Barry said the amdavit of the Dis-trict Attorney of his county was necessary in order to have something upon which to base the requisition papers, and asked if his own affidavit to the effect that Dr. Chadwick was in Ohio on and about March 5, 1903, would be accepted as sufficient. Mr. Joyce said it would, and that an ex-Mr. Joyoe said it would and that an extradition warrant would be issued by Gov. Odell thereon. Sheriff Barry left the executive chamber ostensibly to prepare and to swear to such an affidavit, but afterward returned and told Mr. Joyoe that he did not think he could swear to such a fact.

Then the Sheriff left for New York city, indicating that he probably could get Dr. Chadwick to go to Ohio without an extradition warrant. The Sheriff still has the right to swear out a warrant for Dr. Chadwick's apprehension before a New York city Magistrate, and Dr. Chadwick can be held under that upon his arrival in New York city, pending the filing with Gov. Odell of sufficient affidavits to warrant him in honoring the requisition application of the Governor of Ohio.

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#### GREATEST WATERWAY SCHEME

PLANS TO CANALIZE THE OHIO RIVER TO ITS MOUTH.

The Purpose Is to Afford Nine Feet of Water in the River Every Day in the Year-Cost Will Not Be Less Than \$40,-000,000 and May Go to \$60,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-Unless Congress in its desire to have economy strangles the River and Harbor bill that is now in course of preparation indirect approval will be given to one of the greatest internal waterway improvement schemes ever proposed for this country. The scheme is to "canalize" the Ohio River from its source to its mouth.

The cost of the undertaking will certainly not be less than \$40,000,000 and may go to \$60,000,000. The purpose will be to afford a nine foot depth of water in the river every day in the year, and thereby make it possible to use the Ohio and the Mississippi for the transportation of bulky freight from the Pittsburg district to tidewater, via New Orleans.

An appropriation of \$382,000 is recommended by Major Sibert, the engineer in charge of the work in the Pittsburg district for the purpose of changing the first six dams in the Ohio, between Pittsburg and Beaver Falls, so as to create pools of at least nine feet depth on the miter sills. Some of the engineers on duty here, however, have grave doubts as to whether that sum is sufficient to so change the six dams under consideration that Pittsburg will have a harbor twenty-odd miles long.

with nine feet of water all the time.

All the dams are under construction and three are completed, but Major Sibert believes he can rip them out and lower their sills at a comparatively small cost. He has no doubt that he can put in the dams now far advanced in construction at a very small increase over the original estimate of cost. estimate of cost.

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The present plan for the improvement of the Ohio contemplated the construction of thirty-seven dams between Pittsburg and a point a short distance below Cincinnati, each to cost from \$700,000 to \$1,250,000, exclusive of land. The total estimated cost was a trifle less than \$20,000,000. But it provided for only six feet of water. The new plan provides for a nine foot channel, beginning with the enlargement of the harbor of Pittsburg, and, as appropriations are secured, the changing of the dams further down the river, so that they will carry nine feet of water.

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By increasing the depth of the first six dams, an immense storage pool, or rather succession of storage pools, will be created for the coal that comes down the Monongahela, amounting to more than 12,000,000 tons annually. It can be held there until the water below Beaver Falls rises to a height sufficient to carry the barges to New Orleans. By increasing the storage ca-Orleans. By increasing the storage ca-pacity of Pittsburg harbor, the quantity sent down the rivers can be very largely

Now, when the spring rise comes, there are so few loaded barges in the comparatively small harbor of Pittsburg that very little of the flood is realized. It is estimated that the improvement will increase the number of days on which barges for the lower river ports can leave Pittsburg from forty-seven per annum to 111. The engineers estimate that instead of thirty-seven locks and dams, required under the present plan to procure a uniform depth of six feet throughout the length of the Ohio. the water depth of nine feet.

> Tools for Engraving Diamonds. From the Kansas City Star.

Diamonds can be engraved in a very ar tistic manner. This development of the diamond cutting art brings into existence a new class of jewelry, for which a considerable demand is expected. It was long believed that the diamond could not be engraved with safe or satisfactory results. A few stones roughly engraved were found India, and a diamond was exhibited at the Paris Exposition in 1878 on which a por-trait of the King of Holland was scratched. But the work was imperfect, and the stone were rather depolished than engraved. Some of the finest specimens of engraving on diamonds are the work of Bordinet, a Paris

monds are the work of Bordinet, a Paris jeweler.

The most remarkable is a ring made of one diamond, the interior surface being polished and the exterior elaborately engraved. Other examples are brooches, representing flies, of which the wings are thin engraved diamonds, and two diamonds engraved with armorial bearings, the imperial arms of Russia being used in one instance on shirt and cuff buttons. Formerly it was only possible to produce the polish on flat surfaces, but Bordinet has been able to do this on concave portions, as on the body and tail of a fish and theinterior of the ring. His tools produce not only straight lines, as in the wheel, the racquet and the flies wings, but a free modelling, as in the pansy, the Russian arms and the scarabeus. He has invented these tools himself, and intends that his son alone shall have the use of them. They are exceedingly delicate and difficult to handle. Ho has spent thirty-five years bringing them to perfection. It is comparatively but a few years since it was possible to pierce holes in diamonds. This feat made possible the placing of diamonds on a string, alternating with pearl-This work is done generally in diamond cutting establishments.

American Student's Version.

From the Indianapolis News. "There are no more polite persons on earth than the Viennese," said Dr. D. L. Kahn, who spent five months in the Austrian capital. "You may meet a professor or a medical student, Viennese, half a dozen times in the student, Viennese, half a dozen times in the course of an evening walk. Every time you meet off comes the hat with the words. The habe die Ehre, "I have the honor"—usually cut short to, 'Habe die Ehre,' spoken very quickly, so that in spite of the implicit polite ness it is quite a perfunctory courtesy.

"One of the American students, a big fellow from California, with Yankee shrewdness, sizing this expression at what seemed to him its proper worth, used to meet it with an expression that was taken up by all the Americans. When he was accosted with 'Habe die Ehre,' he would tip his hat and respond. Hot air, eh?' One day a venerable professor asked an explanation of me, 'What the devil does that fellow mean with his hot sir-ve' asked the professor. And I was impelled to say I really did not know." is quite a perfunctory courtesy.

Elephant Stealing in Assam.

From the Lahore Tribune. An elephant is not a handy object that man can put in his pocket and steel in an unostentatious manner, but this form of theft is becoming the curse of the firm which is working the Siamese forests for teak.

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From one of the forests in the neighborhood of Raheng, so many elephants have been stolen that the British firm working it says that it will be compelled to give up working there if these thefts continue. The value of a timber working elephant being roughly £200 the theft of even one is a serious matter for the owner, and when elephants are continually being stolen from a forest it becomes a question whether that forest can be worked except at a loss. The stolen elephants are, it appears, in some cases taken over the frontier into Burma or the Shan States and the others concealed in or near jungle villages in Siamese territory near the frontier in their own interests.

WINTER SEA BATHS POPULAR.

MANY ARE NOW TAKING DIPSIN THE ICY WATERS HEREABOUTS.

At Bath Beach, Brooklyn Beach and Sheepshead the Enthusiasts Take Piunges in the Open—Tighe Agrees With Prof. Zeigler That It's Healthful.

All year bathing in the waters of Gravesend Bay, Sheepshead and Brooklyn Beach, in Upper New York Bay, is becoming a business rather than a fad. Every day in the year, no matter how severe the weather, a few of the extremists run down the docks to the floats in their hathing suits and dive off into the icy waters.

Every sunshiny day throughout the win-er months a number of men go to the bathhouse office of "Commodore" Shields, on the Captain's Pier, at the foot of De Bruyn's lane, Bath Beach, get bathing suits and towels and take a dip in the cold waters of Gravesend Bay, not as the result of devotion to a fad, but for the fun of the thing. Among the regulars there are two or three women who declare that they enjoy the water just as much in the winter months as in the sum-

Until this season there have been no arrangements for dressing in warm bathhouses. For the regular customers a fire is now provided in a clubroom, where the men can dress and be comfortable and avoid having their bathing suits freeze fast to the walls of the bathhouse after they have been hung up. Next season a system o heating the bathhouses on Captains Pier will be installed by Shields, if the business holds good. Not less than twenty persons a day are now taking the winter outdoor bathing in Gravesend Bay.

The Brooklyn Beach bathers are not so The Brooklyn Beach bathers are not so well sit ated as those at Bath Beach, having only an old bathing house or two available at this time of the year; but there is a growing interest in the sport, and an attempt will be made soon to arrange for more comfortable quarters. As it is there are a dozen men and one woman who may be found almost every day taking their dip into the Bay and swimming about in the cold waters.

found almost every day taking their dip into the Bay and swimming about in the cold waters.

At Sheepshead Bay the headquarters is in the Varuna Boat Club's old house. Here a score or more swimmers gather almost every day. Magistrate James G. Tighe of Brooklyn is the leading spirit. On Christmas (Sunday), despite the storm and the severe cold, there were two or three swimmers in the water. The Magistrate was among them. He said it was one of the finest swims he had ever taken.

"Why, this cold water swimming isn't such an unheard of thing," declared Prof. Zeigler, a health culturist. "If a man or a woman will get accustomed to it, there is nothing better in the world than a quick dash into the cold water of the bay or river and a rum out, followed by a good rub. Too much of it is, of course, not good. But for a few minutes two or three times a week, or in fact every morning, there is nothing better for the nerves and the general health of the body than a run into the cold water.

"How many men are there who take their cold bath at home every morning in the year? Do you ever hear of one out of the many thousands so doing becoming sick or dying from the effects of such bathing? What is there different about the dip into the bay or river? Only that there is the cold air about when one leaves the water.

"I want to tell you that the run from

water.
"I want to tell you that the run from

the water to the dressing room is far su-perior to standing in a heated atmosphere after coming out of the cold water. In after coming out of the cold water. In the latter case one must contend with the effect of a sudden change of temperature—always a bad thing because of the shock to the system that any sudden change always leaves. When a man leaves the waters of the river or bay he will experience no change of temperature—he is surrounded by the same atmosphere—and he can enjoy the rubdown, because his blood is brought into soothing action by the gradual transition from chill to warmth.

tion from chill to warmth.
"I believe the beneficial effects of cold "I believe the beneficial effects of cold weather-midwinter—bathing will soon be widely recognized, and instead of a few so-called faddists there will be hundreds enjoying one of the finest exercises man ever indulged in."

Magistrate Tighe, who heard Prof. Ziegler's talk, declared that he was of the

Ziegler's tain, tessen opinion.

"Give the people comfortable places in which to dress and attendants to rub them down," he said, "and I predict a general tessen opinion." sire to try the sport.

DEALING IN PRIVATE CARS. New Line of Transportation Business That Has Many Patrons.

From the Chicago News. would be difficult to estimate the numof cars owned by amusement promoters. One not particularly conspicuous Chi-cago theatrical manager has half a dozen. Scores of circus, minstrel, dramatic and operatic organizations own or lease the cars which they travel and live and hundreds of cars are in the hands of carnival companies

and all manner of strolling entertainers. To such an extent is this true that dealing in these movable botels has developed into a recognized industry. There are several me Chicago who make it their exclusive busithe finest cars of the kind in the country She lives at a downtown hotel, keeps in clos touch with the amusement profession and rents coaches, making a specialty of furnish-ing private cars to distinguished artists touring the country. She also rents to touring parties and to visitors and tourists of al kinds who desire to travel in comfort and

Privacy.

There are also companies making a business of storing private cars when not in use Chicago has no such concern. The nearest approach is the rail yard at the east entranc to the Union stockyards, where numbers of private cars are almost always to be found. here are always some about the various railroad repair shops, for it is an endless task keep rolling stock in repair.

ward under bond to insure its return free from all costs to the point where it was seeured. From twenty-four persons to more than twice that number find living accom-modations aboard an ordinary "show" car The majority of such cars are old Pullmans or Wagners thrown out of service by the evergrowing demand for larger cars and more elaborate ornamentation. They are held at

from \$2,500 to \$8,000 or more each.
Aside from the amusement concerns, tourist associations, itinerant doctors, dentists, oculists, photographers and the businessmen ulators owning passenger, sleepin and baggage cars, the great trust and banking companies are large holders of rolling stock. On many of the Western railroads plates on the trucks and often upon the steps announce the coaches to be the property of some trust company or other operating under lease on of private refrigerator and freight cars in commission is taken into consideration it will be readily realized that the cars of the country are by no means in the hands of the

Becs Poisen Some Plowers.

From the Lewiston Journal. At the Kennebec Conservatory I was look-ing over the show of plants and flowers when

ing over the snow of plants and nowers when I asked Supt. Olm if he ever had treuble with bees in his glass houses.

"Yes," replied Mr. Olm, "in the early spring and through the spring months I have a great deal of bother with bees. They dodge into one flower, then into another in which, by one flower, then into another in which, by sprinkling the pollen of the first flower, they destroy the second.

For example, a pink bloom into which a pollen covered bee had flown would close over night, and the only remedy, as Mr. Olmremarked, was to keep a sharp lookout for the bees and get ahead of them by picking the flowers before the winged pests got a chance at them.



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#### COASTING IN CENTRAL PARK

BOYS WHIZZED DOWN HILLS ON · SLEDS AND BARREL STAVES.

Grown-Ups Caught the Inspiration and Glided Gracefully on Their Coattalle -Only Three Mishaps-Owners o Sleighbells Celebrated at Home.

The second-day Christmas made itself felt in Central Park yesterday. There was no one from 6 years old up to 60 within a mile of the Park who did not feel his sou stirred by the desire to get out and on the snow. Of the thousands who made themselves gay under the order of the Park Department, which permitted them to have a good time 'in certain specified places in the Parkonlythreewere hurt. These were Joseph Haight, 12 years old, of 1096 Third avenue Joseph Neuell, 10 years old, of 412 East Fifty-third street, and Jakey Weinberg. 13 years old, of 418 East Seventy-first street

There is a hill in the park which is known as the Kinderberg, near the Sixth avenue entrance on Fifty-ninth street. There are other hills on Sixty-seventh street and the West drive, at Sixty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, and Cat Hill slopes down to the small lake from Sixth avenue. In these places the Park Commissioner has decreed that the children of the city shall have full rights to coast all day long. From daylight yesterday morning until the mists and the twilight met hundreds and thousands of

twilight met hundreds and thousands of children brought their Christmas sleds and piled down every descent to which the police would permit them access.

There were kids among the thousands who took part in the day's sport who had no Christmas sleds. Some of them were satisfied with soap boxes, and others with barrel staves fastened together with bits of lath, and once in a while there were grown folks who, evercome with the surplus of Christmas cheer, took to their overcoats and even to sheets of wrapping paper borrowed from shopkeepers near the park in lieu of toboggans.

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Up and down the big drives where the jingling sleighs were, there were mighty few people. It seemed to be the general disposition of those who spend their evening hours in the Casino and at McGown's Pass Tavern to stay at home on the legal Christmas night. But all day long the children, who knew nothing of the difference between brands of champagne and the wiles of the wine agent, played on the slopes. After looking at the thousands who took advantage of the coasting privilege who took advantage of the coasting privilege the policemen of the Arsenal station mar-velled at the small number of casualties. At a little after 2 o'clock Joe Haight was taking a slide down the hill at Sixty-seventh avoid a tree near the Fifth avenue wall. The Presbyterian Hospital authorities tool

The Presbyterian Hospital authorities took him in charge when the ambulance brought him in and dressed a large, wide cut over his left eye. Then he was sent home.

Only forty minutes later Joe Neuell. "sitting up" sliding, met another boy who was travelling "belly whopper," and who escaped from the consequent complications. Joe broke his left leg below the knee. This was on the hill at Fifty-ninth street and Seventh avenue. The park ambulance took him to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was reported last night that he had sworn off coasting for the rest of his life.

At 4 o'clock Jakey Weinberg met the same tree which had brought disaster to Joe Haight. The tree won. Jakey broke three ribs and went to the Presby-

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Mesmerism Cure for Snakebite.

From the Medras Times. When I was stationed at Nowshera news was brought to me one morning that one of my coolies had been bitten by a snake and was dying. I hurried to his hut and found the man unconscious and bleeding from his mouth and nose. A few passes from the head downward stopped the bleeding. I continued

downward stopped the bleeding. I continued the passes and in ten minutes he was able to open his eyes, but unable to speak or move his hands or limbs.

I continued the passes and after the lapse of another five minutes he was able to speak feebly and indicate the seat of pain. Each pass gradually worked the position downward and the man's speech grew stronger by degrees, and in half an hour's time from the beginning of the operation the man was able to sit up. Having worked the poison down below the knees, I tied a ligature below the knee and sent him to a hospital, where he eventually recovered. He was bitten in the right foot. I should very much have liked to have carried the experiment out to the end and have bled him, but not being a medical man, and as there was a hospital only a few miles distant, I had to submit to circumstances.

English Tailors' Vernacular.

From the London Chronicle. The plaintiff in a recent libel action was not the "ninth part of a man," or he would

not the "ninth part of a man," or he would have known that "jiggery-pokery" was tailor's siang for humbug. There are still many terms employed by the trade which are unknown to the outside public and some of them show a pretty turn of fancy.

A young lady friend is a "long haired chum," a man's own wife is his "left forepart," and the master's wife is the "marm puss" or "jifess." "Legs and arms" is beer with no body in it; and to "give his pint for a man means that he will vouch for him to the utmost of his power; going to America is "crossing the damp pot." To epoil anything is to "make pig or pork" of it; a badly worked buttonhole is a "dead sow's eye;" and a collar or lapel too large for the coat is a "pig's lig." A "paralytic fit" is a misfit, and a "misfit" is a man of awkward figure.

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BUSINESS BRISK AT MANILA.

American Push Showing Its Effects on Trade in the Philippines. In Manila recently bids were asked for removing a certain building. There were three bidders, a Filipino, a Chinam. ....d an American firm. The Chinaman wanted \$645 and forty-five days, the Filipino wanted \$425 and twenty-five days, the American firm asked \$378 and fifteen days and got the business. The incident is a good example of the American push which is transforming the Philippines from a take it easy country into one that is up and

doing. The Manila stock market reports ninetyseven companies doing business in Manila and the islands. All but nine of these are paying dividends of from 4 to 16% per cent. Only three of the companies are paying less than 5 per cent. The trading companies are paying the best divi-

The Commercial Museum of Manila is in active operation. A live and foreign exhibits are being freely added, Japanese goods particularly.

Customs statistics for October show a marked revival of trade over other months. Exclusive of \$895,000 currency, the exports from Manila alone amous \$2,400,000, of which \$1,800,000 was for and \$276,000 for copra. The exce September was \$500,000. Import about \$1,000,000. These figures are

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ton and Syracuse papers please copy. James Cousins, in her 78th year.

Puneral services will be held at the home of her son, Joseph B. Cousins, 215 Clinton av., Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 2 P. M. Kindly omit flowers.

GETTY.-On Friday, Dec. 28, 1904, Martha Jane. beloved wife of Hugh Getty.

Puneral service at her residence, 304 West 108th
st., on Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, at 10 o'clock.

Interment at Bronzville, N. Y.

McCLAVE.—On Dec. 24. Edna Josephine, in the 18th year of her age, only daughter of Edmund W. and Josephine D. McClave. Services will be held at the residence of her parents, 198 West 58th st. on Tuesday morning.

at 11 o'clock. Interment Putnam Cemetery Greenwich, Conn. MEAKIM .- At New York Hospital, on Saturday Dec. 24, in the 60th year of his age, Alexander, son of the late John and Maria Meakim. clatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services from Calvary

Church, 21stst. and 4th av., on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 11:45 A. M. Interment at convenience of RICHARD.—On Monday, Dec. 26, 1804, at Summit N. J., Bessie J. Sims, wife of Richard D. Rick

vary Church, Summit, at 11 o'clock. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers. WILLIAMS.—Suddenly, Madaline Mackay, wife of Charles G. Williams of Orange, N. J.

Funeral private. WOOD.—On Dec. 24, Margaret A. Wood, widow of J. Howard Wood, in her 63d year. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at the residence of her son-in-law, Orison B. Smith, 658 West End av., on Tuesday at 11 A. M. Interment private. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

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